GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PETROL/ LPG FROM COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed or propose to sign an agreement with a South African Company, Saisol, for producing Petrol, Naptha and LPG from coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof;

(c) the estimated amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the benefits that could accrue as a result thereoi?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)& (b): As per information received from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. alongwith Tatas are in discussions with Sasol for exploring the techno-economic feasibility of setting up a Coal to liquid (CTL) project in India aiming at production of fuels of premium quality. The above study is very much in the preliminary stage.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply given to parts (a) & (b) above.